

# Arlington Town Election: Saturday, April 1, 2023

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## Precinct 1

**Jordan Remy**

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My name is Jordan Remy, and I am running for Town Meeting Representative because I strongly believe that Precinct 1 deserves full representation at Town Meetings as Arlington votes on the critical issues and challenges the Town faces. I have lived in Arlington for just under a year, currently serve on the Finance Committee and professionally have worked in four communities. I am looking forward to listening to the voters of Precinct 1, and making sure our voices are heard. I am grateful for this opportunity, and look forward to hearing from you.

**Vincent C. Baudoin**

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I have lived in Arlington since 2020. I live in Precinct 1 with my wife and two young children and one little cat.

I organize a local group called “Strong Towns Arlington”. We bring together residents of Arlington who are passionate about creating and maintaining strong, financially resilient cities and towns. I believe that a strong town must focus on:

- Safe streets for walking and cycling
- Increased housing choice and affordability
- People-friendly places (for all ages and abilities)
- Fiscally sustainable development
- Job and wealth creation for residents and local businesses
- Preservation of open space and the natural environment
- Improving transportation options and access
- Fostering strong community, culture, and quality of life

Find Strong Towns Arlington on Facebook or contact me directly to learn more.

In addition, you can count on me to speak up for strong public schools and a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. As a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 1, I will listen to your concerns and represent you well in Town Meeting.

I work as an architect. I particularly love the challenge of restoring and adapting great old houses like those in Arlington so they can be enjoyed by new generations. I am fluent in French and speak some (limited) Spanish, Dutch, and Haitian Creole.

I would appreciate your vote on Saturday, April 1!

#### **Rebecca Persson (write-in candidate)**

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My name is Rebecca (Becca) Persson and I am running as a write-in candidate for the open town meeting position in precinct 1. I have lived in precinct 1 for 12 years, been a town meeting member for 5 years, and am a new member of Community Development Block Grant Subcommittee. I am also a parent of Ottoson and AHS students and a long-time volunteer with Arlington EATS. If elected, I will continue to do my best to vote for policies that make Arlington the best place it can be for all our neighbors, old and new. I will, unfortunately, have to miss some nights of this spring's town meeting but I will be present for the fall special town meeting and future annual town meetings. If you would like to vote for me, please neatly write my full name, Rebecca Persson, on your ballot. Feel free to email me with any questions ([becca.persson@gmail.com](mailto:becca.persson@gmail.com)).

## **Precinct 2**

#### **Peter Gast\***

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Pete Gast is a software engineer and a proud progressive with a passion for democratic systems. He is a long time resident of Arlington and both of his children are educated in the Arlington school system. He joined Town Meeting in 2017 to support our schools and the community.

#### **Aimee Lim-Miller\***

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I've lived in East Arlington for the past 15 years and currently reside in the Kelwyn Manor neighborhood. My children went to Hardy, Gibbs, Ottoson, and AHS schools. I was a dedicated PTO

member at Hardy School for 10 years, where I organized social events, managed the website, and served as the International Festival Coordinator.

I'm a passionate gardener, cook, and artist who loves being in nature and living near Spy Pond. You'll often find my family walking, biking or running on the bike path and sailing, paddleboarding or kayaking on the pond in the summer months. I believe in building strong communities and support quality public education, a healthy town infrastructure, and equity. I appreciate the balance of green spaces and the vibrant art scene in Arlington.

As a psychotherapist with a private practice and part-time school counselor, I understand the importance of support services. I was the only child in my school who need English as a Second Language (ESL) service was grateful for the help of a school tutor. I advocate for equal rights and social justice issues.

I will be running as an incumbent Town Meeting Member for Precinct 2, after serving as a TMM for precinct 6 for three years. I am eager to continue helping Arlington be a strong, accessible, and caring community for all.

### **John Paul Lewicke**

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In my family's nine years in East Arlington, we've fallen in love with this town and the local community. Both of our children have attended Hardy, where we've been heavily involved in the school community. I love that this is a place where my daughter can learn to bike on our street without worrying about traffic and where she can walk next door to meet with friends. I love seeing all the other families walking to school in the morning. And I love the Arlington community's strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, action against climate change, and our public schools.

My goal is to help build on these existing strengths with thoughtful incremental improvements. I will work for safer and more pleasant streets, sustainable transportation, affordable housing, and reducing structural inequality.

I would love to hear your concerns and suggestions. Please feel free to email me at [jplewicke@gmail.com](mailto:jplewicke@gmail.com) if you have any questions or thoughts.

Thank you, and please consider voting for me on Saturday April 1st.

### **Jennifer Roderick**

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My name is Jennifer Roderick and I'm running for the vacant seat in Precinct 2 for Town Meeting. My husband Hans and I moved to Kelwyn Manor in 2002 and raised our daughters here; our youngest is a junior at Arlington High. I work for WGBH, as the content producer and judge for High School Quiz Show. I also write the AEF (Arlington Education Foundation) Trivia Bee, an annual fundraiser for Arlington's public schools. I co-chaired the PTO at Lesley Ellis School and served on the PTO at Hardy School. I served on the Board of Directors for Arlington Soccer Club and have fond memories of my time as an assistant coach. I have volunteered for political campaigns at the local, state, and national level, and I've served as a delegate from Arlington at the Massachusetts Democratic Convention—most recently to nominate Maura Healey for governor. I'm running for Town Meeting because I love Arlington and welcome the chance to serve in town government. I also support greater representation for women: currently only 2 out of 12 Town Meeting members in Precinct 2 are women. I humbly ask for your vote on April 1st. Thank you! Jennifer Roderick, 6 Pioneer Rd.

## Precinct 3

### **Susan Stamps\***

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I am a recently retired attorney with a passion for community service. I moved here from Carlisle, Massachusetts, where I served on the Housing Authority, Personnel Board, Town Administrator search committees, and police contract bargaining teams. I chaired the Carlisle Democratic Town Committee and co-founded Carlisle Climate Action.

In 2011, a year after arriving in Arlington, I ran for Town Meeting and have served my precinct and my Town ever since. I have a progressive voting record while paying careful attention to the Town's budget. I was part of the leadership that brought the Community Preservation Act to Arlington. It has generated millions of state dollars for open space, park projects, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

I have been involved in many other town efforts, from helping draft the successful 2017 Town Meeting Sanctuary Town resolution to serving on the Town's Gas Leaks Task Force, advocating for National Grid to fix the town's methane gas leaks.

I humbly ask my Precinct 3 neighbors to re-elect me as your Town Meeting Member to continue advocating for fiscally prudent, environmentally responsible, inclusive measures for a healthy, vibrant town.

### **Eben Miller**

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My family and I moved to East Arlington in the fall of 2014. During that first winter, I realized that we had found a community that was special. As we struggled to dig out after each dump of snow (we got 10ft that winter), our new neighbors made their way down the block with snow blowers, showing us the power of neighbors taking care of each other. I am running for Town Meeting to help take care of my neighbors - to ensure that their diverse needs, views, and hopes are well represented.

As a middle school civics teacher in a neighboring town, I teach about the role of local government in facilitating, supporting, and shaping a vibrant community. As an educator and parent of kids who are and will be in our public schools, I want to ensure that Arlington has high quality schools that are inclusive, promote an appreciation of diversity, and provide a foundation for the future of our community. As a Town Meeting member I will prioritize the needs of our public schools.

If elected, I will help my neighbors by:

- Listening to and valuing their diverse views and concerns
- Being clear and transparent with my own views
- Ensuring that our town infrastructure is well-supported
- Advocating for town-wide policies that promote inclusivity
- Pushing for stronger and more supportive public schools

Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please reach out to me at [ebenmill@gmail.com](mailto:ebenmill@gmail.com)

### **Courtney Urick\***

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My name is Courtney Urick and I have been a town meeting member since 2017. I am a nurse by training and currently serve as the Executive Director of the Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center (GRMDC). GRMDC is a community health center affiliated with Boston Medical Center. My career has been focused on bringing high quality medical care to underserved communities.

I have lived in Arlington with my husband and two school aged children since 2014. I was inspired to run during the 2016 election cycle wanting to make an impact in my local community. I love living in Arlington and feel the town truly is what people mean when they say the word community. People in Arlington respect and care for each other and I am dedicated to participating in the decisions that will continue to keep Arlington a place that is welcoming and supportive to all.

### **Adam J.B. Lane**

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Greetings, Arlingtonians. I am Adam J.B. Lane, a cartoonist and illustrator by profession. My wife and I have lived in town for 14 years now and have two children in Arlington Public Schools. I am a board member of Friends Of Menotomy Rocks Park and have previously served on the board of our nearby synagogue. While I have a long-held interest in issues of local concern, I admittedly have no prior experience in government, which some people may view as a positive trait. My goal in serving my district and the town-at-large is to maintain our quality of life while expanding opportunity for every Arlingtonian to take advantage of all our wonderful town has to offer. Matters of particular interest to me include maintenance of town wild spaces, improvement of the Ottoson School, character and quality of new construction around town, and the health of the Mass Ave business corridor.

### **Scott Mullen**

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My name is Scott Mullen - call me Mully if you're comfortable with nicknames - and I am seeking a term on Town Meeting to represent Precinct 3. A resident of Hendersonville since 2010, I also serve on the Zero Waste Committee, am a regular participant in the Everywhere Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) coalition, and am active with the Friends of Waldo Park community group. Prior to settling in Arlington, I worked in the Heights from 1999-2003 and was part of the Clear the Trail initiative that successfully organized support for year-round maintenance of the entire Minuteman Bikeway, enabling safe winter access to Alewife. I care deeply about land use and planning and look forward to deepening my involvement in decisions that will shape the future of our community. Smart, sustainable management of growth will enhance our community now and ensure we can welcome more people, culture, businesses, and vibrancy to Arlington into the future.

## **Precinct 4**

### **Michele J. Phelan\***

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I'M A PARENT: I care about the wellbeing of our student population, to ensure safe, well programmed and staffed schools using the budget allocated to Arlington Public Schools. I supported the Arlington High School project and academic projects that address our kids' school day experiences.

**I'M A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL:** I keep tabs on projects that will affect our neighborhood - with zoning changes that affect building heights, setbacks, affordable housing. I will keep you informed about projects that are under consideration and will change the face of East Arlington. I care about how these projects are visually integrated into our area of town, and listen to residents with concerns about what is being proposed.

**I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT:** Born and raised in Arlington, moving back to live in Arlington Center for a few years and purchasing my house in East Arlington in late 1998, I have a vested interest in parks, playing fields, open spaces, housing, commercial and retail development. I will always bring your thoughts and considerations to bear during voting.

**I'M CONSISTENT:** I have missed two meetings in the six years I have served as your representative. I take this position seriously. I strive to be informed, educated, and inquisitive to ensure I understand the issues at hand.

**I CARE:** I gather materials necessary, including emails and letters from residents who have something to say. I read, listen, and vote in your favor. In OUR favor.

**THANK YOU** for considering me for a third term as town meeting member when you vote.

### **Arthur Prokosch**

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I am running for Town Meeting because I want to increase inclusion and sustainability in Arlington. We can build inclusion with more affordable housing and with zoning changes to allow more multi-family homes. We can make Arlington more sustainable by improving water quality and flood resilience. And improving walkability, bikeability, and transit service will further both sustainability and inclusion.

My strengths include a background in transportation planning and environmental sustainability, familiarity with local/state planning processes, and the ability to analyze issues in depth.

I'm currently active in organizations including Everywhere Arlington Livable Streets, Arlington Neighbors for More Neighbors, and Equitable Arlington. I've also volunteered with Friends of Spy Pond Park and the Yes on 3 campaign (trans rights on the 2018 state ballot).

### **Dori Mazor**

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I love and appreciate so many aspects of our town: the warmth of our neighbors; the vibrant community life; and of course, Arlington's walkability and proximity to public transit. Along with my family, I moved to Arlington in 2015. My child attends Hardy Elementary School.

My priorities

I believe that living in Arlington should be feasible, affordable, and enjoyable for people of all backgrounds and income levels. As Town meeting member, I will work to create a more sustainable, just, and inclusive community for current and future neighbors.

This means:

- Providing robust services for everyone, with particular attention to seniors, youth, families, and newcomers
- Creation of new housing units, along with the adoption of equity-centered zoning and development

strategies

- Preserving green space and natural resources, and considering the environmental impact of new projects and policies

About me

My career has focused on teaching, training, and professional development in the nonprofit and higher education sectors. I have also worked in affordable housing organizations.

I have learned about our community through involvement with Zero Waste Arlington, Equitable Arlington, and the Build Arlington's Future (AHS Rebuild) initiative. Serving on Town Meeting would be a way to strengthen my engagement with the Town.

I am committed to transparency and open dialogue. Feel free to contact me at [doripelegmazor@gmail.com](mailto:doripelegmazor@gmail.com)

## Precinct 5

**Brian McMurray\***

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Brian McMurray (he/him), a resident of East Arlington for 6 years, served in Town Meeting for Precinct 5 in 2020 and 2022, and is a candidate for re-election in 2023. Brian is currently the co-chair of the Grants Committee of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture and serves as a Commissioner of the ACAC. He has been a member of the Grants Committee since 2021, helping to distribute more than \$40,000 of Commonwealth-issued grant funding to local artists and culture creators.

Brian cares about Arlington being an affordable, accessible, diverse, and culture-rich Town with flourishing arts and culture and a connected and healthy community.

**Colin Bunnell**

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Whether we rent or own, we all know how much it means to us to be able to call Arlington our home. I am running for Town Meeting to make that feeling possible for more people.

Greater Boston is in a housing crisis. Housing supply has failed to keep up with demand, and prices have skyrocketed over recent years. We must meet the moment by promoting reasonable, forward-thinking development in Arlington.

I have lived in Precinct 5 since 2013, and I served in Town Meeting in 2018, completing the final year of another member's term. As a renter who would love to make Arlington my permanent home, I have been following the many development debates that have roiled the town, including last year's unfortunate defeat of Article 38, and have been inspired to run so that anti-density voices are not the only voices in the conversation.

We all love Arlington and want to protect what makes this town special. Some have suggested that we can't protect what we love without squelching development of any new housing, hanging up a virtual sign saying, "We're full." But whether we've lived in Arlington all our lives, or just moved here, we know that the strength of Arlington is in the welcoming spirit of its people. This community has made me



feel so welcome in the ten years since I moved here, and as your representative in Town Meeting, I want to help extend that welcome to our future neighbors.

### **Steven Geng**

I recently moved to the Arlington area about 1.5 years ago. As a first time home owner, I am looking forward to being rooted in one neighborhood and really being able to call it home. As such, I wanted to get involved in local government as I think it is not only one of the best ways to serve and help contribute to positive changes but also a great way to learn about the culture and challenges we face as a community. I believe in the importance and power of participation from a diverse set of voices and hope to contribute mine in representing our neighborhood.

### **Andrew S. Greenspon**

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In Arlington, we suffer from myriad concerns: Displacement of long-time residents, damage to the local business fabric, loss of green space, safe streets.

In Somerville, I advocated for better building design and zoning on behalf of community members. As a board member and then co-chair of the Union Square Neighborhood Council, we negotiated for millions of dollars in community benefits from developers, including affordable housing, support for local businesses and workers, civic and community center space.

I hope to bring my experience toward handling similar issues and more at Town Meeting.

Arlington needs diverse housing options, from starter homes for young families, to apartments and ADUs for seniors to age in place. The MBTA communities law requires Arlington to zone a minimum capacity of housing units to keep certain state grant funding and zone fossil fuel free buildings. We should think creatively about zoning that satisfies the needs of existing residents while welcoming folks of all different socioeconomic status, age, and backgrounds.

We should preserve our existing industrial spaces and promote active streetscapes in mixed-use districts. We should adopt the specialized stretch energy code to decrease fossil fuel use and minimize pollutants.

As a pedestrian, cyclist, public transit user, and driver, we need more traffic calming measures that minimize conflict areas between these modes of transportation.

I want to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns and creative ideas.

## **Precinct 6**

### **Andrew Fischer**

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I ask for your vote for Town Meeting Member Precinct 6. I run because the decisions we make are vital for Arlington and because I love the democratic process of Town Meeting. I served as a TM Member from 1990 to 2020; my attendance rate was virtually 100%. I care deeply about the town and our precinct.



I served as Town Meeting Representative to the Vision2020 Standing Committee {now Envision Arlington} from 1998 to 2015. I remain involved with the Friends of Robbins Library after 10+ years on the Board. In 2019, I filed Article 40, which asked to eliminate or reduce the dollar/hour charge to park at the library. This passed 121 to 61. In 2004-5, I co-chaired the Town Meeting Community Based Health Insurance Study Committee. I now work on that topic with the Civic Engagement Group.

In general my views are progressive, especially in favor of equity and inclusion, sustainable climate initiatives, better financing for the entire town, and affordable housing.

My current positions, before hearing more detail, on a few Warrant articles: yes to allow solar systems in industrial districts; no to Article 13, which would convert the Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position; and no to Article 32, which would allow developments of 100% affordable housing by right in all zones.

I'd like to hear your thinking and to learn how to best represent Precinct 6; my email is listed above. Thank you for considering me for your vote.

### **Aram Hollman**

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I'm Aram Hollman. I'm running for Town Meeting in Precinct 6 and would appreciate your vote.

I have lived in Arlington for 25 years. Over that time, the schools have greatly improved and Arlington has become more prosperous. However, it has also become more expensive and less affordable. Younger families have trouble finding a place they can afford. Older residents wonder whether they can afford to stay.

As a Town Meeting Member, my top concerns will include these:

Town Meeting's most important job is to pass a budget. Arlington's annual budget consistently increases by 3 to 4 percent, a rate that, until recently, was higher than inflation. We need to reduce annual budget increases to between 2 and 3 percent. We passed a debt exclusion to fund the new high school, and will soon face a large override. The tax burden is excessive.

Arlington's housing is scarce and expensive. However, cannibalizing our remaining business space for housing is not a good solution. We need business in Arlington as well as housing, good jobs, so that people can afford to both live here -and- work here. While the state requires us to build more housing, we need to do so in a way that fits Arlington.

We must adapt to a changing climate and clean up Alewife Brook. Sewage in the brook in the 21st century is unacceptable.

Again, I ask for your vote on Election Day.

Thank you for reading.

Aram Hollman

## **Precinct 7**

**Ellen Aamodt\***

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There have been new challenges to the principles of democracy in these last few years, reminding us all to do what we can do to support our democratic institutions. Most of my career was spent working in peacekeeping operations with the United Nations, seeing first hand in Kosovo, Haiti, Somalia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Burundi what happens when governments are destroyed by internal strife. I want to do my part by working to ensure that representative government continues to thrive in Arlington.

My first year as a Town Meeting Member has been quite a learning curve, doing my homework on all the warrants presented, studying the pros and cons of each issue and voting. I want to continue this for the next term and will do my best to represent precinct 7.

## Precinct 8

**Edward Phillip Witham, Jr.**

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In the decade since my family and I arrived in Arlington, we've fallen in love with everything the town has to offer, from its beautiful parks and Spy Pond (mere feet from our home on Spring Valley Street) to its fine public schools and small businesses. I'm running because I believe it's critical that we work to preserve Arlington's green spaces and historic character while simultaneously advocating on behalf of greater affordability, increased diversity, and equitable/sustainable growth.

As a member of Arlington's Democratic Town Committee and other community-based organizations, I feel strongly about the need for consistent civic engagement. A veteran of innumerable political campaigns (including local, statewide, and national races), I have a passion for organizing and outreach: meeting people where they live, and listening closely to their concerns, is an essential part of creating and shaping the safe, healthy, and welcoming environment that we all wish to live in.

The Warrant for this year's Town Meeting continues to evolve, but there are already dozens of important items on the agenda including new/proposed zoning and parking bylaws, a moratorium on the installation of artificial turf on town land, and the appointment of our next Town Manager. I'd welcome any opportunity to communicate with my neighbors on these and other crucial matters, and I value everyone's input; you can reach me directly via email at [Edward.Witham@comcast.net](mailto:Edward.Witham@comcast.net) or by phone at (617) 945-6238.

**Eric Baatz\***

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Both the town and I survived my initial Town Meeting last year :-). You can see the details here: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting/2022-town-meeting> I would be honored to represent my neighbors in a new setting this coming year, that is, an in-person gathering in Town Hall.

My wife, two kids, and I moved to Arlington in 1999 from Westford, where I attended town meetings. Over the decades, I've lived in several New England towns while working for several companies as a computer programmer and supervisor/manager. In Arlington, I'm a former youth soccer coach, Arlington Soccer Club board member, and volunteer with ArlingtonEATS. I'm member of several town conservation and library support groups and a long-time member and former treasurer of Friends of Spy Pond Park. I have been a consistent voter in town elections, and an attendee of multiple Precinct 8 and 10 meetings. Currently I'm on the Planning Committee of The Senior Golf League and am their webmaster,

having designed and implemented their website, [www.tsglma.org](http://www.tsglma.org), over the last several years.

I think that I am an earnest, thorough, and open-minded town meeting member. If you want to know more about me, or want me to know more about your concerns and philosophies, do not hesitate to drop me a line at [eric\\_baatz@yahoo.com](mailto:eric_baatz@yahoo.com).

### **Elizabeth Pyle\***

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My name is Elizabeth Pyle, and I am running for Town Meeting in Precinct 8. I have served on Town Meeting since 2016, and I've lived in Arlington for 12 years. I am a land use and zoning attorney, and I am particularly interested in the zoning issues that often come before Town Meeting. From 2016-2019, I was a volunteer member of Arlington's Residential Zoning Study Group (the RSG), a Town committee formed to study the impacts of new construction in the residential neighborhoods. While on the RSG, I worked to pass the "Good Neighbor Agreement," which requires developers to provide neighborhood notice and property protections for surrounding residences when a new home is built. I also spearheaded a new Zoning Bylaw to prevent unsafe steep driveways in new residential construction. As a Town Meeting Member, I have worked to make Arlington more welcoming by advocating for Sanctuary Town Status in 2017, and by supporting other progressive resolutions. I have also volunteered with the Build Arlington's Future campaigns to fund new school construction, including the new High School. I have a daughter at Brackett School, and another daughter at Arlington High. I would appreciate your vote on April 1st. Thank you!

### **Anson Stewart**

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I live in Arlington with my wife, who has fond childhood memories of Robbins Farm Park, and our young son, who hopes to go down new slides there soon! My academic background is in urban planning and engineering. For work, I help run a small sustainable transportation software company. I also manage research at MIT in a lab focused on urban mobility and transit. My PhD research tested ways to map transit and encourage public participation.

Since moving to Arlington, I have enjoyed meeting neighbors and participating in local government (e.g., testifying at the Zoning Board of Appeals). Arlington is a great town for my family to live, play, and worship, and I hope to make it even better representing Precinct 8.

My top three priorities are...

- Sustainable neighborhoods: In addition to trees and energy-efficient buildings, we can reduce our collective carbon footprint through improved transportation and development
- A more welcoming town: Zoning is a factor behind unaffordable housing, and it will be the subject of a fall special town meeting. My academic background and active involvement with Equitable Arlington (including contributing to the Zoning Dictionary at <https://equitable-arlington.org/zoning-dictionary/>) and ZBA hearings give me relevant experience
- Safer streets: I hope to use my transportation expertise to advance safer street designs

I'd love to hear more about your priorities for Arlington. Please reach out and see [ansonstewart.com/townmeeting](http://ansonstewart.com/townmeeting) for more information.

## **Precinct 9**

## **Mark Kaepplein\***

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Hi, I'm a 30-year Arlington resident and renter. I am a retired computer software, testing, and networking engineer. My first job interview after college was with Bill Gates - I declined the job offer. I am newly elected to chair the Arlington Republican Town Committee and have served in Town Meeting previously, with 100% attendance, even from the hospital on laptop, following surgery.

I wish to reduce government to the fundamental services people need in order to make Arlington more affordable to everyone, especially the elderly, immigrants, and others punished by never-ending tax exclusions and increases. I've co-sponsored an immigrant on their (successful) green card application, something few claiming to support immigrants have done. I support the musical arts and education, not indoctrination. Teach kids to teach themselves and the joy of learning will keep them learning their entire lives.

Small business, tradespeople, entrepreneurs, and first responders make America great. I began work at 16 as a programmer for Digital Equipment Corporation. My father co-founded an electronics manufacturing company and some of my fondest memories are working weekends there to help make deliveries on time, and be part of the growth and success. Galaxy Power was self-funded, always made payroll, grew three times to larger quarters, employed over 100 mostly immigrant workers, and manufactured 100% locally. The joy of building and growing a business is second only to raising happy, healthy, and successful children.

## **Precinct 10**

### **Christian Klein\***

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Thank you for reviewing the election materials provided by your candidates for Town Meeting. My name is Christian Klein, and I have been a Newport Street resident since 1997. My wife and I have raised our two sons here in Arlington, and both attended the public schools. I serve on the Board of the Friends of Robbins Farm Park, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and several town working groups related to zoning. I am very active in scouting, and I do my best to support my neighbors through our Precinct Meetings. I believe our town is at its best when we are all active participants in its government, and I hope to continue to do so as one of your Town Meeting members.

It has been my pleasure to be one of your Town Meeting members since 2009. I keep a public record of my time on Town Meeting at [atmnotes.blogspot.com](http://atmnotes.blogspot.com), and I encourage you to review my record before casting your vote on April 1. I can be contacted at [cmqklein@gmail.com](mailto:cmqklein@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns. Please consider voting for me, Christian Klein this spring.

### **Mustafa Varoglu\***

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As a Town Meeting Member running for my fifth term, I want to maintain and strengthen the qualities that drew our family to Arlington in 2005. We have found Arlington to be a community of close-knit neighbors and neighborhoods with a pedestrian friendly design that promotes people running into each other and keeping in touch. Due to the layout and character of the town, we met many friends during the

years walking our now high school and college age kids to Brackett Elementary. I enjoy advocating for policies and bylaws that help promote social interactions at the personal level and allow people to have equal access and opportunity to the amenities of the town, including the parks, our schools, and business districts. Most recently, I am chairing the Remote Participation Study Committee to help determine how we can continue to have remote access to meetings of Arlington boards, commissions, and committees as we meet in person. Due to its popularity Arlington is facing growing density and I feel we must guide that development to maintain Arlington's close-knit character. Based on my past experiences before moving to Arlington, I have seen how careful planning to integrate housing and businesses can help build vibrant neighborhoods, and I hope to share those views with Town Meeting. Thank you for your vote.

**Peter Howard\***

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Please elect me to be one of the Town Meeting Members representing Precinct 10. As a long time member, I am familiar with the procedures. Until recently I was also a Finance Committee member so I am familiar with the budget. I am always glad to listen to your phone calls or to read your emails or to meet you in person and to learn more about the issues that the Town Meeting will consider.

## **Precinct 11**

**Lynette Culverhouse\***

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I am running for re-election to represent my neighbors in precinct 11 at Town Meeting. I strongly believe in equity and inclusion and the democratic representation of all voices and opinions in matters that affect our town. I know that people are busy with family and work, everyday life takes a lot of energy these days. But I want to hear from my neighbors and take seriously your thoughts on the warrants that come before Town Meeting. I will do my best to incorporate your thoughts while remaining true to my values. I value the environment, I value affordable housing and I value the representation of all voices in our town government.

**Kristin Anderson\***

[forcedexposure@gmail.com](mailto:forcedexposure@gmail.com)

My name is Kristin Anderson. I run a business in Arlington and I am proud of my 100% attendance record at Town Meeting. With your vote, I will continue to advocate for:

**\*IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY\***

Arlington must become less dependent on fossil fuels. We need to improve the town's tree canopy and make Arlington more walkable and bike-friendly. We need to protect our open spaces.

**\*ZONING THAT PROTECTS LOCAL JOBS WHILE REDUCING TAXES\***

Arlington needs more businesses and jobs. A larger commercial tax base will make the town more affordable. The town needs to create the environment for a thriving business community, with more jobs that residents can walk to.

**\*HONEST SOLUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING\***

We need to do more to help our aging, disabled, and diverse populations. Our main focus should be for

those who cannot afford the rent and ever-increasing property taxes.

**\*MITIGATING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE\***

Climate Change models predict an increase sea level rise and flooding, which also worsens sewage pollution. For more information about local flooding and sewage pollution:

[www.savethealewifebrook.org](http://www.savethealewifebrook.org)

## **Precinct 12**

**Juliana H. Brazile\***

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It has been a great honor to represent Precinct 12 for the past nine years. Town Meeting is an amazing expression of democracy and I relish the education and debate as members seek collectively to find the best solution to challenges Arlington faces. We have a long history of bold action on environmental issues and have begun important work on human rights and diversity, equity and inclusion. Housing, affordable housing and density in our business districts are complex issues that call for continued community engagement. I am always available to discuss the issues and the options before us. I ask for your vote and welcome your questions.

**Eric Helmuth\***

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It has been a privilege to represent Precinct 12 in Town Meeting since 2010 and to serve the entire town as a Select Board member since 2021. Town Meeting makes crucial decisions that directly affect Arlington's response to the affordable housing crisis, climate change, our fiscal challenges, equity and inclusion, and more. I would be honored to have one of your four votes so that I can continue representing my neighbors on these and other important issues in our legislative branch of government.

**Caroline Murray \***

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I have been a resident of Arlington since 2010 and have two children attending Arlington Public Schools. I was first elected to Town Meeting in 2017 and have served since. I am also currently on the Envision Arlington Standing Committee and enjoy many of the recreation, restaurants, shops, and library spaces in Town. Professionally I am a Senior Project Manager and Sustainability Manager for a large General Contractor. I am passionate about sustainable construction focusing on embodied carbon, energy, and resiliency and am helping my company achieve our goal of 50% reduction in carbon emissions on all our construction sites by 2030. More recently, I have been engaging with ethical sourcing and supply chain and underrepresented business enterprises (UBE).

**Sanjay Vakil\***

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I was elected to Town Meeting in 2020, just in time to serve through the pandemic. As such, I've had the opportunity to participate in perhaps the oddest term to date. In my upcoming bid for reelection, I'm

committed to continuing to be accessible to precinct constituents and learning from our diverse perspectives.

As background, I've now lived in Arlington for 23 years in four houses and have sent three kids through the Brackett school for an elapsed 15 years. All of my kids are taking advantage of our excellent public schools; my oldest is a proud AHS graduate.

I'm a staunch believer in public education - I campaigned door to door for the new high school - and committed to maintaining excellent education services to all of our students. I'm also concerned about ensuring that housing costs are manageable, especially for long term residents on fixed incomes.

Finally, I'm trained as an engineer (which may be a pro or a con, depending on your perspective), and I've used that training to collaborate with other TMMs for practical, informed, and human solutions to problems.

I look forward to your support!

Sanjay Vakil

## Precinct 13

**Priya Sankalia\***

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I have been an Arlington resident for the past 15 years, living first in East Arlington before moving to Turkey Hill in 2016. I have served 2 terms on Town Meeting from Precinct 13 and hope to continue representing the Precinct 13 community. I had two children go through the Arlington public schools (my son graduated from the High School last year) and believe strongly in the value of public education. I have supported the schools right from when my children were in Elementary School at Thompson. I am the co-chair of Zero Waste Arlington (a town committee) and have been advocating for waste reduction in the community ever since I became part of the committee in 2015. I am a GIS professional working for a consulting firm in Boston and am acutely aware of the housing issues we are all facing. With the changing demographics of the greater Boston region and the fallout from the pandemic we need to be prepared for change. I will continue to advocate for a more inclusive and diverse Arlington while respecting the history of our town.

## Precinct 14

**Carol Anne Svenson**

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Carol Svenson

I'm running for Town Meeting to be a responsive voice for my neighbors in Precinct 14. I want to be a reference for you on Town issues.

My family and I first came to Arlington 14 years ago. A job change brought us to the Boston area, but we chose to live in Arlington because we found it to be a vibrant, caring community. We wanted our children to attend great schools; they went to the Brackett, Ottoson and AHS.



I decided to get involved in the community, and began by campaigning for policies to support our schools. The positive experiences I had while interacting with my neighbors encouraged me to serve on the Master Plan Advisory Committee as co-chair. The Committee gathered citizen input and created a document of the short- and long-term for Arlington.

Included in that vision was a plan for growth. However, we are now faced with new challenges: housing requirements due to the MBTA community designation; the urgent need for affordable housing; sustainable growth of the business sector; as well as the financial stability of Arlington and the impending override. I want to listen to you and put into action your ideas for what should be a priority for Arlington.

I respectfully ask for your vote April 1 for Town Meeting Member.

**Mark Rosenthal\***

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My name is Mark Rosenthal. I'm running as a candidate for Town Meeting Member for Precinct 14.

I've lived on Walnut Street since I moved to Arlington in the late 1980s. My children attended Arlington's public schools.

If elected, these matters will be among my highest priorities:

- affordability of the town, including for those on fixed incomes
- funding for schools and public services
- doing everything possible to get the state legislature to ban the rodenticides that are poisoning our wildlife and our pets, and require that rodents and other pests be controlled using other methods
- improving the local business climate to reduce the percentage of the tax burden that falls on residents
- preparing the town's infrastructure for climate change. Among the things that must be dealt with are:
  - . preserving and increasing the tree canopy
  - . stopping Cambridge and Somerville from dumping raw sewage into Arlington's waterways during heavy storms, especially since such storms will increase in frequency as climate change progresses
- preserving the town's open spaces
- making sure that Town officials remember that they work for the Town residents

On election day, please vote for MARK ROSENTHAL, Town Meeting, Precinct 14, Brackett School

## **Precinct 15**

**Carl Wagner\***

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I'm Carl Wagner. I am your currently-serving Town Meeting Member from Precinct 15, asking for your vote for re-election. I grew up in Arlington, moved away, and moved back in the 1990s because, like you, I realized how much our town has to offer. My wife and I raised our daughter here in the public schools. I am a strong voting supporter of Arlington's public schools - and our great private offerings, too.

As a Town Meeting Member, first in Precinct 3 (Henderson St and East Arlington), then Precincts 11 and 15, my top priorities are schools, affordability, housing/resident diversity, open space & climate resiliency, and local government accountability to you and me.

I regularly attend the Town's committees and varied meetings to make sure that we residents have a seat at the table with Town authorities and that our interests come first. Among those is keeping us affordable and inclusive to all who would like to rent or own a home or business here.

I'm one of the founding members of Arlington Residents For Responsible Redevelopment ([www.arfr.org](http://www.arfr.org)), which works to make sure we know what zoning and redevelopment changes are being discussed, that changes to town benefit affordability, climate and housing diversity.

Please read my blog, published during Town Meeting, and see my website about my work in Precinct 15 for Arlington at: [www.wagnerforarlington.com](http://www.wagnerforarlington.com). I take notes during Town Meeting on the matters that matter to you.

Please vote for me on election day, April 1, 2023 (8a-8p): Note the polling location is now up at Stratton Elementary School. Thank you!

### **Josephine Babiarz**

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Jo(sephine) Babiarz

Who: I have lived in Arlington w/my husband since the '70s. Our daughter attended Arl public schools. We have been tenants, landlords and now homeowners. We recently completed a gut renovation of our single family, to age in place. I volunteer for the Mass Bar Elder Law Guide and other non-profits. Invited to the Chamber of Commerce.

Priorities: education – all elementary schools should have uniform teacher/pupil ratios. Add more Recycling opportunities (food waste?) to trash. Bring businesses into empty storefronts.

TM issues: Yes, I served last year and learned this - TM does not make progress on its goals. It does act without data – e.g., the Blue Bikes cost \$100,00, voted without hard numbers of users; down to 2 stations, all near Alewife. We prohibited plastic water bottles, only to have delis sell flavored seltzers in plastic bottles. We keep going over the same issues that were voted down last term – i.e., self-service gas stations, zoning changes, etc. There has been no noticeable outreach by the interested parties, nor the Select Board as far as I can see. I would like accountability in TM.

### **Ann Fitzgerald\***

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My name is Ann Fitzgerald, Arlington resident for 35 years and Town Meeting Member 10 plus years. I have served as Chair, Council on Aging now Assoc. Member. Senior's voices have not been heard here like the parents of school aged children. Yes education is a priority here but elders need help too. Many face increased demand for taxes on salaries fixed years ago, many suffer from food and essential resource challenges.

I have supported the MASTER PLAN, the need for fair housing, the Housing Corp. of Arl. efforts to avoid homelessness and senior/disabled tax fund.

Seniors are living longer perhaps not better. Age Friendly Arlington program supports elders with special emphasis on challenges of dementia, Alzheimers. It is presented by the AARP, checks livability, ease of transportation, social and medical support. We are certified!.

Zoning is a hot button issue; we must provide affordable homes for all ages and keep Arlington vibrant.

## Precinct 16

**William James Kenney, Jr.**

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William James Kenney, Jr. Precinct 16

I am a life-long resident of Arlington and a homeowner. I attended the Dallin School, the Ottoson Jr. High, and Arlington Catholic High School. I have a B.A. from St. Anselm College and an M.B.A. from Babson College and have been employed by P&G/Gillette for over 35 years, most recently as a Sr. Operations Manager. I have served as a TMM in Precincts 18, 10, and 16 in years past and stopped when work conflicted with meetings. While I understand Zoning Decisions are not upheld by TM, I am concerned with the trend of tearing down perfectly inhabitable small Cape houses and building houses that are too big for the lots. In our neighborhood alone, three houses have been torn down and replaced by larger houses that do not fit in with the neighborhood. One new house is almost on top of the neighbor's house and does not fit in with the neighborhood and has placed their house in a state of perpetual shade.

I am concerned with traffic in the neighborhood, especially at the dangerous Park Ave/Appleton St. and Wollaston Ave/Appleton St. intersections. Wilbur Ave is a cut-through street and cars speed too fast with children and pedestrians in the street. We must make our streets safer for all and I will do all I can in TM to do that.

I respectfully ask you to cast one of your votes for TMM for William James Kenney, Jr. Precinct 16.

## Precinct 17

**Hila Bernstein\***

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Thank you for your interest in candidates for Town Meeting! My name is Hila Bernstein and I'm running for reelection in Precinct 17. Last year I was elected as a write-in candidate and I hope to return for the next term.

My husband and I moved to Arlington in late 2020 and have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors and community. I've felt welcome here, and seek to ensure that others, newcomers and long time residents alike, have the same opportunities and access to services and resources.

My professional training is in public health (program planning and evaluation) and I bring a focus on equity and an interest in centering our most vulnerable neighbors. I work as the program manager for a research center that uses computational methods for public health, wildlife conservation, and equity-focused programs, and in this work I encourage my colleagues to consider policy level interventions when possible as opportunities to create change. It's important for me to take action close to home in this

area. Some issues that are important to me include racial equity, social justice, diversity, inclusion, and belonging, sustainability, active transportation, efforts to reduce climate change, education, and affordable housing.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, comments or ideas about town meeting. I hope to have your support in this upcoming election!

**Xavid Pretzer\***

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Hello, I'm Xavid Pretzer. I've lived in Arlington for five years and look forward to building my family's future here. I would be honored to continue to represent Precinct 17 in Town Meeting.

Rising housing costs are a great concern in Arlington, and we must address them in a multi-pronged approach. Arlington should make zoning changes to enable more subsidized Affordable housing development via an Affordable Housing Overlay. In addition, we should encourage mixed-use developments near transit corridors that produce units at a variety of income levels via zoning changes beyond the minimum MBTA Communities requirements and avoid excessive barriers to 3–5 story buildings. These changes will support our multigenerational community, improve equitable access to housing, and create a more diverse Arlington.

It's important for the environment and for residents to support alternative transportation and reduce traffic. Arlington must improve pedestrian, bike, and bus infrastructure. Transit-oriented development decreases our dependence on cars and makes it easier for new local businesses to open. We should further address climate change by prioritizing renewable energy, addressing flooding, and planting native trees.

In addition, Arlington needs to better welcome everyone, including disabled people and minorities. We must address barriers to equitable treatment.

Join me in working to improve Arlington and build our community's future. I welcome your input and questions at [xavid@xavid.us](mailto:xavid@xavid.us).

**Gwendolyn (Wendy) Richter\***

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Gwendolyn (Wendy) Richter  
12 Brattle Place  
PR 17

I've lived in Arlington for 27 years. Currently I am serving as co-chair of the Open Space Committee. My involvement in town committees include: Residential Design Guidelines and Master Plan Implementation Committee. I have been tuned into zoning changes since working on the last Master Plan. Professionally, I am an architect, primarily working on energy efficient, affordable housing and residential projects. My 2 sons, now in their 20's both attended Arlington Public Schools. You can often see me walking the bike path with my dog, Trooper.

## **Precinct 18**

**Brian White\***

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I have been a resident of Precinct 18 for 29 years. During that time, I have served in Town Meeting (1993 – 2009 and then in 2022) and watched my two sons graduate from Arlington High School. As a Biology professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, I see the importance of high-quality public education every day. As a Town Meeting member, I will be committed to the constant improvement of the already excellent schools we have in our town. Over these years, I have watched as more stores and restaurants have moved into town and seen how this has improved the quality of life in town. As a Town Meeting Member, I will work to see that we continue to attract businesses that make the town a better place to live. I am also concerned about the rising cost of housing in Arlington and will work to provide places for people to live that are affordable and consistent with our town's unique flavor. Finally, I look forward to a chance to give back to the town that has made such a great place to live for myself and my family.

**Carolyn M. Parsons\***

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Having been a Town Meeting Member for a number of years, I am looking forward to in-person meetings at Arlington Town Hall. While participation via Zoom was absolutely essential, I missed the feedback - a hiss, a chuckle, a groan - that would occasionally occur when someone was speaking.

I am especially interested in the budget, the relationship between the warrant articles and the budget, and the long-term effects of the various appropriations.

Environmental issues and the Town's responses to climate change are also an important focus.

**Nancy Lehrman Bloom\***

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Hi! My name is Nancy Lehrman Bloom and I am running for re-election to a position as Town Meeting Member to represent Precinct 18. I have been a Town Meeting Member since 2018 and I continue to learn about the issues affecting Arlington. I continue to listen, to read, and to learn about what issues are of concern to our Town.

My husband and I have lived in Arlington since 1989 and our kids have attended school here. As a parent and resident of Arlington, I want to continue to be a part of our Town Meeting process - listening, debating, and voting on the Warrant Articles that will come before the Meeting.

I hope to continue representing Precinct 18 in 2023 and beyond. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. You can contact me at [jandnbloom@gmail.com](mailto:jandnbloom@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

## **Precinct 19**

*No statements submitted from this precinct.*

## **Precinct 20**

## **Adam Auster**

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I am Adam Auster. I hope to earn one of your four votes for Town Meeting on April 1.

Though new to the neighborhood, I'm not new to Arlington—or Town Meeting.

I am an advocate for sustainable transportation, including fixing dangerous intersections like Appleton and Mass Ave. I recently shared with our Select Board a report about planned cuts to bus service in town.

At Town Meeting, I served as a member of the committee that brought electronic voting to Town Meeting, creating regular records of how your representatives voted.

A resolution I wrote led to the creation of the Residential Study Group, which went on to make several changes to Town bylaws to ease the impact of new construction.

For the past two years, I have served as the Assistant Town Moderator.

For more about any of that, please visit my website, [adauster.blogspot.com](https://adauster.blogspot.com), or drop me an email at [adam.auster.arlington@gmail.com](mailto:adam.auster.arlington@gmail.com).

Please consider voting for me.

Thanks!

Adam

## **Precinct 21**

### **Jordan Weinstein\***

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I have been a Town Meeting Member in Arlington for two terms since 2017 and a resident of the Town since 2003. I am a retired public radio journalist having worked for a dozen years at 89.7 WGBH and before that at 90.9 WBUR. I became involved in Town politics right after the Trump election believing, as I did, that it was no longer acceptable to sit on the sidelines. I am a member of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee, a member of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and a former member of Arlington Fights Racism (AFR). I was active as a volunteer in both Bernie Sanders' presidential campaigns. As a Town Meeting Member I helped promote the creation of the Arlington Civilian Police Advisory Commission and sat on the town Marijuana Study Committee which reviewed applications for recreational cannabis shops. In the coming years Arlington will be facing at least two major challenges: one will be a major shortfall in revenue that will either require substantial cuts in Town spending, another increase in property taxes or both; a second will be how to conform to the state push for new housing development as an MBTA community and how to increase our stock of affordable housing. I hope to serve our precinct and the Town well as an active Town Meeting Member with wisdom and an open mind on these and other issues.

### **Jill Kristin Krajewski**

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Greetings voters in Precinct 21. I have been a resident of 56 Montague Street since my husband and I moved here in 2006. We love the walkability of the Mt. Gilboa neighborhood and have two children who attend Peirce and Ottoson. I am running to share my love of our neighborhood and our town through enacting effective town policy. My previous experience in policy is as a union leader for the Needham Education Association for the past 15 years. I want to broaden my leadership experience and shift the work to the town that I reside. Issues that are near and dear to me are maintaining strong schools, continuing to build our parks through the community preservation act, working to provide more places for dog owners to recreate, and supporting town policies that ensure our main streets are places that residents can enjoy food and drink and conduct business. Along with these issues, I recognize that not every resident in Arlington is able to have had the experiences that my family has had in being able to own a modest, affordable home. I think it is important that as a community we debate, discuss and come to a conclusion about how best to move forward in making this a town where working families can reside and become homeowners. I thank you for considering me as your new town meeting member and coming to the polls on April first.